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PLEASE PASS AMBASSADOR EILTS

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID, OVIP, (ROBINSON, CHARLES W.)
SUBJECT: VISIT OF UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON TO EGYPT

REF: A) STATE 76244 B) STATE 76166

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON AND PARTY. ALTHOUGH HOTEL SITUATION STILL EXTREMELY TIGHT, WE ARE SEEKING OBTAIN HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS SIMILAR TO LAST VISIT, IF THIS IS SATISFACTORY.

2. EMBASSY WILL TRY TO MEET REQUESTS CONTAINED PARA.5 REFTEL A. AID DIRECTOR HAS ALREADY MADE INITIAL CONTACT WITH PAUL DICKEY OF IMF MISSION AND WILL SEEK ASCERTAIN LATEST STATE OF PROGRESS OF IMF/GOE CONSULTATIONS TO PASS ON AS REQUESTED (PARA. 3 REFTEL A).

3. HOWEVER, WE PRECEIVE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ON SUBJECT OUTLINED PARA. 4(REFTEL A), IF WE HAVE TO OPERATE UNDER CONSTRAINT CITED PARA. 7. GOE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE US WITH DETAILED INFORMATION RE PROJECTS BEING DEVELOPED WITH SOVIET UNION. WE WILL, OF COURSE, TRY OUR BEST.

4. CHARGE CONTACTED DR. ABDEL MEGUIDE, TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO PRIME MINISTER, RE APPOINTMENT WITH GEHAZI APRIL 15.
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PRIMIN IS AWAY TODAY, BUT ABDEL MEGUIDE INDICATED THAT

TUESDAY WAS GOOD DAY AND SUGGESTED 7:00 PM SUBJECT TO
CONFIRMATION.

5. AS DEPT. IS AWARE, APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT WILL
HAVE TO AWAIT ACTUAL ARRIVAL AND THUS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE
UNTIL APRIL 16 OR 17. SINCE UNDERSECRETARY AND PARTY WILL
ARRIVE AT HOTEL LATE IN AFTERNOON AFTER NORMAL
CLOSING HOURS OF GOE MINISTRIES, APPOINTMENTS WITH
TAHER AMIN AND OTHERS WILL BE SOUGHT FOR APRIL 16. IN
ANY EVENT, IT WOULD SEEM PREFERABLE FOR MEETING WITH
PRIMIN TO TAKE PLACE FIRST.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF WHICH MINISTRIES
(E.G. INDUSTRY, FINANCE, PETROLEUM) AND OTHER OFFICIALS (E.G.
GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK) UNDERSECRETARY WOULD WISH TO MEET
IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSALS AND PROJECTS MENTIONED PARA. 1
REFTEL A. WE WILL, OF COURSE, ALSO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY
OF VISIT TO ABU TARTUR APRIL 17.
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